

Ephesians 5:21-33 NLT

And further, submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. 22 For wives, this means submit to your husbands as to the Lord. 23 For a husband is the head of His wife as Christ is the head of the church. He is the Savior of His body, the church. 24 As the church submits to Christ, so you wives should submit to your husbands in everything. 25 For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up His life for her 26 to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word ... 31 As the Scriptures say, "A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one." 32 This is a great mystery, but it is an illustration of the way Christ and the church are one. 33 So again I say, each man must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.



Reflect

How do these verses differ from the world's view of marriage?



Paul is saying that when a woman does not respect her husband, she is not respecting Christ. How is this so?



Paul is also saying that when a man does not love his wife, he is not loving Christ. How is this so?



What does it mean for a man to love his wife as Christ loved the church?
What does this look like practically?

